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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NEWPORT WATER DISTRICT  
Request for Exemption from Chapter 86,  
Section 7(B)

ORDER APPROVING  
TERMS & CONDITIONS  
AND EXEMPTION FROM  
CHAPTER 86, SECTION 7(B)

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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SUMMARY OF ORDER

This Order grants the requested exemption from Chapter 86, Section 7(B) to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

BACKGROUND

On September 28, 1999, the Newport Water District requested an exemption from Chapter 86, Section 7(B) to permit the District to collect a \$10 collection trip fee from non-residential customers as well as residential customers. The District based its request on the fact that Chapter 81 allows a utility to assess a \$10 collection trip fee from residential customers and Chapter 86 allows a collection trip fee of only \$5 from non-residential customers. The exemption will allow the District to assess the same fee for all customers. We agree that the collection fees for residential and non-residential customers should be equal and will grant the requested exemption.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Newport Water District is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86, Section 7(B) so that it may charge non-residential customers a \$10 collection trip fee.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 27th day of October, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

Nugent  
Diamond  
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